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MISSOULA--

William H. Forbis, Missoula, a former editor and correspondent for Time magazine, who was a lecturer at the University of Montana in Missoula from 1969-70, has contributed several boxes of research papers and other material from two books to the UM Library Archives.

The material which Forbis donated to the University is from "Inside Australia," which he finished after John Gunther's death, and "The Cowboy," a book which Forbis wrote for Time-Life Books.

Commenting on the Forbis donation, Richard Gercken, assistant professor and humanities librarian for the UM Library, said: "The materials form an unusually complete record of the making of two books. Included are outlines, notes and bibliographies, folders of clippings pertinent to research, several versions of the same material, typescripts and galley proofs."

In addition, there are pamphlets and periodicals, maps, photographs and drawings, correspondence and an expense sheet for research and travel.

Dale Johnson, an assistant professor at UM, who is UM Library archivist, said the contribution will take up "approximately 18 feet" of shelf space when it is added to the library collection.

Forbis is currently working on a revision for another book he is writing, "Exploding Japan." The book, which has taken about 2 1/2 years to research and write, will be published in August 1975 by Harper and Row Publishers, Inc.

Forbis, who was an editor and correspondent for Time for 19 years before joining the University faculty as a lecturer in the UM School of Journalism's editing and magazine writing courses, left the journalism school faculty in 1970 to devote full time to free-lance writing. He has written more than 40 cover articles for Time, and his articles also have been published in Sports Illustrated and Fortune magazines.

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